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NEW DETECTIVE CHIEF DECLARES AGAINST PULLS.

POLITICS BARRED

KILLS HIMSELF FACING CLASS.

Aged E. C. Partridge Thought of Drowning First.

Edward C. Partridge, formerly a wealthy wholesale dealer in sewing machines, and sixty-three years, committed suicide at his home, 358 West Twenty-second street, to-day by shooting himself in the right temple with a .38-calibre revolver.

Mr. Partridge had been in ill health for the past ten years, and had been compelled to retire from business. He was suffering from a kidney trouble, and to alleviate the pain began taking morphine. Then he began to buy patent medicines, and would get bottles of every kind advertised. His money went rapidly and some time ago his wife decided to let furnished rooms.

Mr. Partridge seated himself in a rocking chair early to-day, and facing a mirror, fired two shots from a revolver. The first shot penetrated the temple, while the second went wild and struck a large picture of Cupid which hung on the wall, the bullet going through the heart of the figure.

Mr. Partridge left a letter to his wife, dated Saturday, in which he said he was going to drown himself in the bay. He evidently decided that death by shooting would be easier.

THREE BURIED BY CAVE-IN.

Accident at Bridgeport's New Reservoir Dam Started Wild Report.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 17.—By the cave-in of earth at a trench in the construction work at the Beaver Brook Dam to-day one workman was fatally and two seriously injured.

A report was started that the dam, which is 1,000 feet long and 60 feet high, had broken, and that fifty men had been killed.

Work on the dam is to be suspended for the winter and about two hundred workmen were ordered to leave the dam when the cave-in occurred.

RED BALL IS UP! GOOD SKATING.

Hundreds Enjoy Sport at Van Cortlandt and Crotona Parks.

The "red ball" was raised at Crotona and Van Cortlandt Parks to-day. That meant that the ice on the lake was in condition to bear hundreds of skaters, and that men, women and children shod with flashing steel runners could have at least a day's fine winter sport.

The ice was smooth and the wind not high, but keen and exhilarating. Skating parties, nearly all of them containing from one to four pretty girls, began journeying to the parks in the morning.

The sixth avenue "L" carried the majority of them, and from Forty-second street upward they boarded the trains, their skates jangling in their dainty handbags and their eyes bright with the anticipation of a day's frolic on the ice.

Harlem also sent a large contingent to Van Cortlandt Lake, which soon was crowded with skaters. Over at Crotona Park, which was fed by the Third avenue elevated and the trolley roads, the crowd was not so large, but the girls were just as pretty and quite as adept in skimming like so many birds over the flashing surface of the lake.

Many persons visited Central Park this morning hoping to find the ice in good condition, but it was not. It was thought probable that it would be safe by this afternoon.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the twenty-four hours ending 8 P. M. Tuesday, for New York, City and vicinity—Partly cloudy weather to-night and Tuesday. Slightly rising temperature. Light to fresh winds, becoming easterly.

Pass Trains to St. Louis, via Pennsylvania Station, leave New York, daily, at 9:30 A. M., 1:30 and 3:30 P. M.



CAPT. GEORGE F. TITUS. (Taken by The Evening World photographer at the Central Office to-day.)

\$50,000 PICTURE IS LOST IN FIRE.

Daring Rescue of Three from Blazing Fifth Avenue Building Excites Great Throng.

Ten thousand persons watched the thrilling rescue of three persons from the burning building at 219 Fifth avenue to-day, and roundly cheered their safe descent from the fifth story to the ground.

The fire spread quickly through the vacant building to the Fifth avenue side. There the first floor was occupied by a dealer in Christmas curios, while the fifth floor was occupied by John Whitaker, his wife and servant.

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ZERO WEATHER UP-STATE.

Temperature 17 Below at De Kalb Junction, Coldest Spot.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 17.—To-day is the coldest day of the season in Northern New York. The mercury registered from zero to 17 degrees below at various points this morning. Trains are delayed on account of the cold snap.

The coldest point was De Kalb Junction, where the mercury registered 17 below.

VIRGINIA JACKSON DEAD.

Clever Southeaster of a Newark Stock Company Had Typhoid.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17.—Miss Virginia Jackson, the clever southeaster of the New Century Stock Company, died of typhoid fever at her home on Court street this afternoon.

She was taken ill at a matinee performance on Thursday last.

WILSON BARRETT PAYS \$300,000.

After Eight Years Wipes Out All of His Debts.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—Wilson Barrett, the actor and dramatist, can now take his place with Walter Scott, Mark Twain and other literary men who have refused to avail themselves of the benefit of the bankruptcy law and thereby wipe out large claims against them.

After eight years of hard work Mr. Barrett has succeeded in paying off debts amounting to \$300,000 and will enter upon the new century absolutely free of all debt.

This information, which will be very gratifying to all the friends and admirers of the well-known actor, was given out to-day at the Carrollton Hotel by John R. Rogers, the well-known theatrical manager, who received to-day a letter from Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Barrett intimated a check to liquidate a small sum which he owed his one time manager.

STRANGE DAMAGE SUIT.

Wilson Seeks Civil Judgment for \$11,200 on Behalf of Daughter.

Suit has been brought in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, by a Dean Wilson, 55 Madison street, for \$11,200 damage from James Henderson, twenty-two years old.

Henderson was an intimate friend of the actress and a prominent member of the Third Avenue Presbyterian Church. The father sues on behalf of his young daughter.

STANDARD OIL UP TO 825.

Price Shows a Gain of 13 Points for Certificates.

Standard Oil certificates to-day sold up to \$25, with one share selling at \$30, a gain of 13 points over Saturday's close.

REED SAID TO BE DYING.

Fears that Stricken Comedian May Not Live Out the Day.

The condition of Roland Reed, the actor, who has been ill at St. Luke's Hospital for some time, was reported this morning to be most critical. It is feared that he may not survive the day.

POLICEMAN ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF POCKET-PICKING

Policeman Thomas F. Kierman, of 261 East Tenth street, a subordinate of the Fifth Precinct Station, was arrested this afternoon in a street store in South of 14th street Fifteenth street, where he was accused of having picked the pocket of Mrs. Frances Connors, of 618 East Fifteenth street, containing \$4 in cash. The arrest was made by Special Policeman Walsh, Kierman was in citizen's clothes and protested loudly that he had been doing some shopping. Mrs. Connors declared he had stood beside her and had robbed her of her pocketbook. Kierman demanded that he be searched. No pocketbook was found, but \$3 in bills were found in his pocket.

Kierman was taken to the West Thirtieth street station, where Sergeant Thompson, against his will, held him on the charge. Capt. Thomas came in and gave indignantly that Kierman had not been discharged.

At the Fifth Precinct station it is said that Kierman is one of the best policemen in the precinct.

RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

FIFTH RACE—Lester Bloomer 1, Judge Hayes 2, Hercules 3.

SIXTH RACE—Sir Christopher 1, Diggs 2, Doncaster 3.

BEAT RECORD TO SAVE BOY'S LIFE

That is, a record of 2000 feet, set by a man on the roof of the Empire State Building, was broken to-day by a man on the roof of the same building, who saved the life of a boy who was hanging from the edge of the roof.

The building is ten stories high. Kierman's boy, who was hanging from the edge of the roof, was saved by a man who jumped from the roof and caught him.

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BEEKMAN DIES AT OWN DOOR.

Justice, Latchkey in Hand, Found by a Stranger—Overwork Killed Him, Says Scott—His Distinguished Career.

Supreme Court Justice Beekman died to-day under strange conditions. He lay gasping out his life in the vestibule of his home, 5 West Seventeenth street, while his family indoors went about their usual household affairs. A chance passer-by finally saw the prostrate form in the entrance.

Going up the brownstone steps he rang the bell and had the Justice carried inside. He was dead before they carried him in. How long the distinguished jurist had lain there before he passed away is not known.

He had eaten a rather heavy breakfast this morning and his car came to the door at 9:30 to take him to the Supreme Court, where he has been sitting in the Appellate Division, since Mrs. Beekman's death.

Once in the cab, however, he must have become rapidly worse, for when about half way to the court house he tapped on the window and ordered the driver to turn back, as he felt that he was going home.

The cabman did not see how serious was his passenger's condition, as he alighted in front of his home and went up the steps, latchkey in hand. The vehicle turned and drove off.

Beekman reached the front door without strength enough left to open it or even to reach out and ring the bell. It is a quiet neighborhood, and not till a quarter past 10 o'clock did any one pass who saw the form lying in the vestibule.

Meantime the Justice of the State Courts waited and wondered why Beekman did not appear.

He was always prompt at his post and all thought him in the best of health.

The morning session went by and no news of Justice Beekman. Then, as the afternoon session was about to begin, came word of the sudden death.

The shocking news prompted them to adjourn the court at once. The City Court judges adjourned in sympathy.

Justice Scott, a most intimate friend of the dead man, said:

"I'm certain that Beekman had no idea he was subject to heart disease. It was only last Friday that I walked all the way to his home with him. He was cheerful and enjoyed the exercise. He was an indefatigable worker."

"If ever a man was killed by overwork it was Beekman."



THE LATE JUSTICE BEEKMAN.

Capt. Titus Tersely Outlines His Policy and Starts Vigorously to Work.

Politicians Declare Devery Is Solely Responsible for the Big Shake-Up—Bitter Fight on Hand.

Capt. Titus took charge of his office as Chief of Detectives in McClusky's place to-day. He talked strongly to the men and told them bluntly that as long as he was there his motto would be "No pull; no politics."

Chief of Police Devery will fight to sustain his wholesale shake-up of the police force.

He has not said so himself, as he has not been at Police Headquarters since Friday, but his friends say it for him.

No dictation from "Boss" McLaughlin, of Brooklyn, will be tolerated. Devery acted under advice of the biggest men in Tammany Hall.

Crocker is cognizant of and suggests the shake-up. He stands behind Devery. Former fights indicate that McLaughlin's threats are empty ones and that he will back down at the critical moment.

Moreover, new changes are coming. Wholesale transfers of sergeants and roundmen will be made this week on Devery's sole authority. Lawyers say he is acting strictly within his legal rights, and no one can stop him.

York Was Smiling To-day.

The only two Commissioners at Police Headquarters to-day were President York and John D. Sexton. Both seemed to be in good humor, especially Mr. York. Mr. Sexton is always good-natured.

Several reporters visited Mr. York, but before they could put any questions to him he asked:

"Is Chief Devery on a vacation? I haven't seen him about here to-day."

He smiled as he spoke. In reply to a query, he said: "A meeting of the Board is scheduled for this afternoon, but it seems doubtful to me whether there will be a quorum present."

"Will the Board take any action regarding the transfers?" he was asked.

"No one can tell what the Board will do," he replied.

"Are not a majority of the transfer ill-advised?"

"Don't you think they are yourself?" was his answer.

Changes Against Crocker.

"I have just heard from W. M. K. O'Neil," he continued, "and he informed me that the charges he had formulated against Inspector Crocker and Capt. Herby would be sent to Police Headquarters this afternoon. The nature of these charges will not be made public until both defendants have been served with the papers."

Commissioner Sexton said:

"I didn't have any consultation with Chief Devery regarding the transfers. In fact, I didn't know anything about them."

"Do you approve of them?" he was asked.

"Oh, I presume they are all right," he answered lightly. "But whether they are good or bad, it's up to the Chief."

No Wide-Open Brooklyn.

Deputy Chief Elias P. Clayton, who was moved from Queens by Chief Devery, arrived early at Brooklyn Headquarters to-day and held a conference with the Captains under him. He expressed his pleasure at being transferred from Queens to Brooklyn. He told the captains that he contemplated making no changes.

"Of one thing you may be sure," he said to the newspaper men, "and that is that I am going to enforce the law to the letter. Brooklyn will not be a wide-open town while I am here. I find it in good condition, and I will keep it so."

The Deputy Chief's assurance that Brooklyn is not to be thrown open to the protected class, driven out of Manhattan by the vice crusade, is not accepted at par in the W. J. H. headquarters of the Kings County Democracy. A large gathering of politicians was there to-day to meet Leader Hugh McLaughlin. The opinion was general among them that the Devery shake-up was for no other purpose than to make Brooklyn a wide-open city.

War on Chief of Police Devery has been declared by the Hugh McLaughlin Democrats in Kings. The venerable "Boss" of Brooklyn says the Chief must go.

Devery's shake up is accepted as a direct slap at the power of the politicians across the Bridge and a storm of protests and indignation has resulted.

McLaughlin, who is seldom aroused to Beekman Sub

CAPT. TITUS'S FIRST DAY.

"I Expect Every Man to Do His Duty," He Tells His Detective Force.

Capt. George F. Titus, the new Chief of Detectives, began his first week day of work at 10 o'clock this morning. From that time on he was a very busy man. He has a remarkable capacity for

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